(b) and (c) Admissions were offered to all scheduled castes|scheduled tribes students who had applied.

Casual labourers in Air India

455. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of casual labourers who have already served for more than 240 days and are still treated as casual labourers in Air India; and

(b) what is the number of casual labourers so far who have been made permanent in Air India during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 208.

(b) The number of casual labourers who have been made permanent during the last three years is given below:—

(i) 1984	130
(ii) 1985	3
(iii) 1986	54
	187

Financial allocation for conducting Festival of India

456. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the financial allocation for conducting Festivals of India in foreign countries;

(b) what is the amount spent so far in this regard; and

(c) what is the amount spent for Festival of India in USSR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) A total expenditure of Rs. 22.06 crores has been provided for organising Festivals of India in foreign countries. The financial allocation for the year 1987-88 amounts to Rs. 10.66 crores.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected.

457. [*Transferred to the 4th August,* 1987.]

Inadequate staff in the Primary Health Centres

458. SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the primary health care centres in some States are not adequately staffed and health care work is suffering thereby;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been contemplated to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) By and large, Primary Health Care Centres in most of the States are having adequate staff to provided health care services. However, a State-wise position of Medical Officers, Pharmacists and Laboratory Technicians who are essentially required to provide primary health care at the P.H.C. level is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 33.]

(c) In order to increase the availability of doctors at Primary Health Centre level several steps have been recommended to the States in pursuance of the award of the Eighth Finance Commission. These are listed below:—

(i) A rural allowance of Rs. 250|- per month for doctors working in the PHCs.